

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.  
S 5405 US-OP/MM**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Francis BRIAND, Christian BONNET and Philippe LEFEBVRE  
corresponding to French application No. 0007013, filed May  
31, 2000,entitled: LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE GAS  
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | an assignment of the invention to L'Air Liquid, Societe Anonyme<br>Pour L'Etude et L'Exploitation des Procédes Georges<br>Claude, including assignment cover sheet.   |
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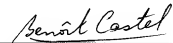
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